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SUBJ: RECENT NARCOTICS SEIZURES AND ARRESTS

1. THREE MEN, ALL THAI NATIONALS, WERE ARRESTED IN BANGKOK ON AUG. 2 WHEN THAI POLICE APPREHENDED THEM WITH 3.5 KG. OF NUMBER 4 HEROIN IN THEIR POSSESSION. THEY WERE IDENTIFIED AS YONGSONG ("OW") SAE LIM, PAN CHAROENRUEN AND SUPAK PHAWASAP.

2. SIX THAI NATIONALS WERE ARRESTED IN BANGKOK ON AUG. 4 AS THEY ATTEMPTED TO SELL FAKE HEROIN TO THAI POLICE WHO WERE DISGUISED AS BUYERS. POLICE ALSO SEIZED THREE REVOLVERS FOUND IN THE MEN'S POSSESSION AT THE TIME. THEY HAVE BEEN CHARGED WITH ILLEGAL ASSEMBLY FOR CRIMINAL PURPOSES AND ILLEGAL POSSESSION OF UNLICENSED GUNS. THE MEN WERE IDENTIFIED AS BUNYIAM SITHONGON, SUTHEP CHORSAKUL, TONGBAI CHANTRA, PRACHOET WANGSAMANG, SUPIN CHORSAKUL AND SOMKUAN PUANGPRASOET.

3. CUSTOMS OFFICIALS AT BANGKOK'S DON MUANG AIRPORT SEIZED 40 KGS. OF MARIJUANA ON AUG. 4. THE DRUG WAS CONCEALED IN CAPACITORS (CONDENSERS). WHICH WERE UNCLASSIFIED

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STORED AT AN AIRPORT WAREHOUSE, AWAITING SHIPMENT TO THE NEW HEBRIDES. A CUSTOMS OFFICIAL BECAME SUSPICIOUS OF THE CARGO DURING A ROUTINE CHECK BECAUSE THE CAPACITORS WERE UNUSUALLY LIGHT-WEIGHT. THIS WAS DUE TO THE FACT THAT THE INNARDS WERE MISSING, HAVING BEEN REPLACED WITH MARIJUANA.

4. BANGKOK POST OF AUGUST 4 REPORTS THAT A 19-YEAR OLD THAI GIRL WAS ARRESTED BY THAI POLICE IN LAMPANG PROVINCE EARLIER THIS WEEK WHEN SHE WAS FOUND TO HAVE 3 KG. OF PREPARED OPIUM HIDDEN ON HER PERSON. HER NAME WAS GIVEN AS THONGPIAN FUWUT.

5. AUG. 5 BANGKOK POST REPORTS THAT A THAI YAI HILLTRIBESMAN IDENTIFIED ONLY AS "NOO" WAS ARRESTED BY POLICE IN MAE HONG SON PROVINCE ON AUGUST 3 AFTER BEING APPREHENDED WITH 2 KG. OF RAW OPIUM IN HIS POSSESSION.  
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